



**“SHOP WITH A COP”  
SPONSORED BY THE  
LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
DECEMBER 16, 2010**

United Way of Lewis County has once again been asked to partner with the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office in coordinating “Shop With A Cop”. This is an opportunity for children from disadvantaged circumstances to go Christmas shopping for their immediate family. Last year 25 children were paired up with deputies and shopped with money raised by the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office.

What we are asking from you is to help us find the children who would benefit from such an experience. If a child has had negative experiences with law enforcement in the past, this is an opportunity to have some contact with officers in a positive light. It allows the officers to interact with children in an uplifting atmosphere.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> the children will meet at Wal\*Mart, pair up with their “cop” and the shopping begins. The child comes with a list of the family members and their ages so appropriate items can be selected. At the conclusion of the shopping, the child rides to the courthouse in a sheriff’s office vehicle. With additional help from volunteer staff, the gifts are wrapped, games are played, and pizza is brought in. The atmosphere is kept festive until it is time to have the child picked up.

**Criteria**

- Child is between second grade and high school
- Family residence is in Lewis County
- One child per family
- Child has not participated in the past; however, previous applications not selected may be given priority (Counselors may call the United Way Of Lewis County office to verify child’s previous participation.)
- Child must to be able to separate from family while shopping

**Application Considerations**

- Children from families who may have negative feelings or mistrust of law enforcement
- Children from families with financial need

**Schedule Time Line**

- Application deadline is November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Family notification by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- “Shop With A Cop” on December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m. and concluding at 7 p.m.

A committee will make selections from the applications based on the number of deputies signed up to participate. To ensure confidentiality where needed, we will contact the person that filled out the application and make arrangements to notify the family of the child. You may send in an application for more than one child, keeping in mind that only one child per family will be selected.

Applications are available online at [www.lewiscountyuw.com](http://www.lewiscountyuw.com). If there are any further questions, you may call the United Way office at 360-748-8100. The application deadline is November 24<sup>th</sup>. Return the applications to:

“Shop With A Cop”  
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